



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

July 2016

Community Events

July 6@10am

Wet N Wild Wednesday
at Fred Miller Park

July 8@8pm

Starlite Cinema
at Fred Miller Park

July 15th@7pm

Summer Jam Concert
at Fred Miller Park

July 19th@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

July 29th@8pm

Starlite Cinema
in Downtown Morristown

River Rock Medians

Public Works crews, along with a local landscaping company, recently landscaped several medians on the west side of town with river rock. This will keep the medians looking tidy and will no longer require crews to be in danger having to mow grass near the roadway.



Summer Art Camps at Talley Ward



Talley Ward Recreation Center will offer several art camps in July, beginning with "Come Camp with Me", an art day camp for children ages 3 to 5 with a parent or guardian. The day camp will be held July 13th – 15th. Activities will include crafts, songs, games, and story time. The camp will begin each day at 10am and end at 2pm. The camp fee is \$40 per parent/child team and registration deadline is July 11th. The "Art Attack Camp" will be held July 18th – 22nd, beginning at 8am and ending at 2pm. It is for children ages 6 – 13. The Camp fee is \$75 with registration due by July 15th. "Sunshine Camp" will be held July 25th – 28th for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities and their caretakers. This camp will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Caretakers or agencies can contact Jason Phipps at (423)586-0280 to pre-register by July 22nd. For more information on the camps contact Jennifer Gentry at (423)586-0260. Register in person at the Morristown Parks and Recreation Office located at 415 W. Louise Ave.

Council Passes New Budget

At the June 21st City Council meeting, council members voted to pass the Fiscal Year(FY)2016-17 proposed budget. The new budget went into effect July 1st.

As part of this budget, there was a 9 cent tax increase that will be going completely towards the repair and repaving of city roads. Public Works has developed a year-long plan and schedule of roads to be paved throughout the coming fiscal year. Interested citizens can view the list of roads to be repaired along with the complete FY2016-17 Budget by visiting the city's website at www.mymorristown.com.

Staff Completes Management Training



Every year, the City of Morristown sends supervisory staff members to special training with the Municipal Management Academy (MMA) through the University of Tennessee. MMA is designed for experienced managers and supervisors who want to become more effective, as well as those who have been recently appointed to supervisory positions in municipal government. Morristown staff partnered with Greenville staff to participate in this training. Last month, the enrolled employees completed their course work and graduated with certifications.

Child Passenger Safety Team



The Morristown Fire Department developed its Child Passenger Safety(CPS) team to promote and increase the usage of safety belts and the proper child safety systems by vehicle occupants in November 2000. The program started out in conjunction with ETSU's East Tennessee Child Passenger Safety Center and has recently partnered with East Tennessee Children's Hospital and their local Safe Kids Coalition, as part of their Accidental Injury Prevention Program for the region. This program falls under the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and their Technician Certification requirements. The Fire Department currently has 5 certified car seat techs: Team leader Keith Rouse, Brandon Williams, David Smith, Lisa Kirkpatrick and Jason Felknor. They must past 32 hours of training which combine classroom instruction with hands-on installation of seats in vehicles. When the students can demonstrate proper use and installation of child restraints and safety belts, they are certified to teach these skills to parents and caregivers. Successful completion of the course leads to national certification as a Child Passenger Safety Technician for 2 years. They must renew their certification by taking an 8 hour continuing education course every 2 years to remain current in their CPS knowledge and skills.

The technicians answer questions, cover the revised TN laws on the subject, and provide information on the proper installation of car seats and the importance of using a child passenger safety seat. The department has a half-car prop to help illustrate proper installation. Nationwide, approximately ¾ of car seats are installed improperly. The MFD techs attend several community events/ Safety fairs in which they sponsor Child Safety Check Points and provide individual demonstrations/consultations to promote the importance and proper use of child restraint systems in all vehicles. MFD techs are available at most major community events, Wal-Mart Safety Day and Douglas-Cherokee Head Start Safety Awareness Day to name just a few. In addition, car seats are provided through a voucher program where parents and caregivers can request a car seat at no charge and will be vetted at Central Services, and if they meet the criteria, will receive a voucher and be directed to the Fire Department for proper Installation. MFD Station 2, located at 1801 Buffalo Trail, is our current CPS team station. Please call (423) 585-4652 in advance as we need to make sure to arrange for a tech to be on hand to assist the public.

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http://www.mymorristown.com/residents/city_newsletter.php

Message from the Mayor

Morristown College has been as big a part of Morristown's heritage as any venture located in our city. Photos of those historic buildings, most constructed in the late 1800s, have turned up on many publications featuring local iconic images. The African-American junior college carved a proud history of both academics and athletics well into the second half of the 20th century.

But just as Jackie Robinson's arrival in the Major Leagues ended Negro league baseball, the integration of U.S. public schools decreased the use of predominantly Black colleges. Morristown College was no exception eventually closing its doors permanently in 1994.

Time has not been kind to the vacant buildings. Ownership has changed hands, purchase prices declining with each. Hopes and dreams have been as plentiful as the nesting crows with both spending the same amount of money.

Primarily because the former campus and buildings had become a health and safety hazard to the community, especially with the discovery of asbestos on site, Council last month authorized the city attorney to file suit to acquire the property.

Council and administration plan to remediate the property and develop the 50 acre site as a new public park. Enough of the bricks are to be saved to construct a memorial to the school and recognize some of the local leaders it produced.



Mayor Gary Chesney